

is bipartisan and largely, bicameral legislation intended to tackle a number of problems in our patent system. The bill reflects the substantial progress made last Congress in both the House and Senate. Indeed, the text of the Patent Reform Act is in many ways a composite of the bill that passed the House and the bill that was reported out of the Senate Judiciary Committee last Congress.

This bill is a starting point for further discussion and in the matter of inequitable conduct reform, I will be looking to my friend from Utah, ORRIN HATCH for his insights on that issue. It is my intention to work closely with him to craft language on inequitable conduct that can be incorporated into the bill at a later time.

I am proud to stand today with my colleagues, Representatives LAMAR SMITH, HOWARD BERMAN, ROBERT GOODLATTE, and SHEILA JACKSON LEE to introduce this legislation that is directed toward encouraging innovation now and long into the 21st century. I particularly thank two of my cosponsors, HOWARD BERMAN and LAMAR SMITH, for their hard work and dedication to this endeavor through the years which has provided a common-sense framework of reforms upon which to build.

This piece of legislation is among the most important things that we will work on as our Nation's economic future is dependent on our ability to innovate and efficiently and effectively protect the products of that innovation. I look forward to working with all interested parties in perfecting the Patent Reform Act in the coming months.

#### APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION TO THOMAS WOODWARD

#### HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 3, 2009*

Mr. SPRATT. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the service of Thomas Woodward, who is retiring on March 6 after serving the Congress with distinction for 30 years in an extraordinary variety of ways and places. This nation and this Congress owe a great debt of gratitude to this outstanding public servant. Tom may be the only person—and if not, is certainly one of very few—who has worked at GAO, CRS, and CBO. He began his government service in 1979 at GAO, where he first became involved in analyzing the economy and helped produced GAO's economic outlook. In 1982, Tom went to work for the Congressional Research Service, where he was a specialist in macroeconomics in the Economics Division and produced a number of studies on the banking system, monetary policy, and other issues. Tom was detailed to the House Budget Committee in 1991 and 1992, where he served as Chief Economist for the Republican staff. Tom returned to CRS after his service on the Budget Committee and continued to produce and supervise high quality analyses for members of Congress.

In 1998, Tom became Assistant Director for Tax Analysis at the Congressional Budget Office. For the past 11 years, Tom has overseen the production of numerous studies, revenue forecasts, and cost estimates for committees and Members of Congress. In all of his inter-

actions with Members and their staff, Tom maintained the high quality and timely analyses that we have come to expect of CBO. Tom's breadth of knowledge, objective analyses, and good humor are appreciated by everyone who works with him—and next week, for the first time in 30 years, this Congress will not have the benefit of his wisdom, economic knowledge, and analytical skills as it addresses the critical public policy issues that face the nation. I understand he plans to continue to research economic issues after his retirement from Congressional service, and we look forward to that work and wish him well in his retirement.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 3, 2009*

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership Standards on Earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY2009 Omnibus.

Requesting Member: Rep. PETER KING  
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy & Water—Army Corps of Engineers (Construction)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 26 Federal Plaza, Room 2109, New York, NY 10278

Description of Request: \$2,010,000 to the Army Corps to complete the reformulation study and continue monitoring a project to protect Long Island's south shore from beach erosion and storm damage. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Rep. PETER KING  
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy & Water—Army Corps of Engineers (Construction)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Town of Babylon

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 East Sunrise Highway, Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Description of Request: \$465,000 for the dredging of a federal channel and placement of appx. 1 million cubic yards of sand along the shoreline for erosion control at Gilgo Beach and Robert Moses State Park. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Rep. PETER KING  
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy & Water—Army Corps of Engineers (Investigations)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Village of Bayville

Address of Requesting Entity: 34 School Street, Bayville, NY 11709

Description of Request: \$96,000 to complete the feasibility phase of the benefits of a storm damage protection project in Bayville. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Rep. PETER KING  
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Labor, HHS, & Education—Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighter Burn Center Fund

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 765 Smithtown, NY 11787

Description of Request: \$285,000 for a living skin bank clean room (equipment). I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Rep. PETER KING  
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Labor, HHS, & Education—Health Resources and Services Administration, Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Christa House

Address of Requesting Entity: 720 Albin Avenue, West Babylon, NY 11704

Description of Request: \$176,000 for hospice care for the poor (physical repairs, administrative costs, and insurance). I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Rep. PETER KING  
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Transportation & HUD—Capital Investment Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New York City Metro Transit Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 347 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10017

Description of Request: \$209,623,898 for the development of Long Island Rail Road East Side Access. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Rep. PETER KING  
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Commerce, Justice, & Science—NOAA (Operations, Research & Facilities)  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Partnership for Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Science

Address of Requesting Entity: 526 Bay Avenue Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742

Description of Request: \$1,000,000 for a multi-state research initiative in New York and New Jersey to address data limitations restricting management of summer flounder in the Mid-Atlantic. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Rep. PETER KING  
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: State & Foreign Operations—Educational & Cultural Exchange Programs

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: U.S.-Ireland Alliance

Address of Requesting Entity: 2800 Clarendon Boulevard Arlington, VA 22201

Description of Request: \$500,000 for the George Mitchell Scholarship Program a nationally competitive scholarship award for 12 US college graduates to do a year of post-graduate study at universities in Ireland and Northern Ireland. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Rep. PETER KING  
Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Transportation & HUD—Transportation, Community, & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Glen Cove

Address of Requesting Entity: 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY 11542

Description of Request: \$570,000 for the design, engineering, and construction of the Glen Cove Connector Road. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Rep. PETER KING

Bill Number: H.R. 1105  
 Account: Transportation & HUD (Buses and Bus Facility)  
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Glen Cove  
 Address of Requesting Entity: 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY 11542

Description of Request: \$950,000 for the design, engineering, and construction of the Glen Cove Connector Multi-Modal Parking Hub. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Rep. PETER KING  
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105  
 Account: Transportation & HUD—Ferry Boats & Terminal Facilities  
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Glen Cove  
 Address of Requesting Entity: 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY 11542

Description of Request: \$950,000 for engineering and construction of the Glen Cove Ferry Terminal. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Rep. PETER KING  
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105  
 Account: Commerce, Justice, & Science—COPS Law Enforcement Technology  
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Glen Cove  
 Address of Requesting Entity: 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY 11542

Description of Request: \$120,000 for the Glen Cove Police Department for equipment and technology upgrades, surveillance equipment, and public safety improvements to respond more effectively to emerging threats such as MS-13 and other gang activity. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Rep. PETER KING  
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105  
 Account: Transportation & HUD—Economic Development Initiatives  
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Glen Cove  
 Address of Requesting Entity: 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY 11542

Description of Request: \$142,500 for renovations and streetscape improvements to the city of Glen Cove. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Rep. PETER KING  
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105  
 Account: State & Foreign Operations—Educational & Cultural Exchange Programs  
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hofstra University

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Hofstra University Hempstead, NY 11549

Description of Request: This report language would allow Hofstra University to apply for funding for its Center for Strategic Language training which will specialize in Middle Eastern and Central Asian languages such as Arabic and Persian, as well as Punjabi, Urdu, and Hindi. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Rep. PETER KING  
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105  
 Account: Commerce, Justice & Science—Office of Justice Programs (Byrne Discretionary Grants)  
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Address of Requesting Entity: 250 Fulton Avenue, Suite 300, Hempstead, NY 11550  
 Description of Request: \$350,000 to create a legal resource network of pro-bono attorneys to provide critical legal services for low-income and indigent victims of domestic violence, rape/sexual assault, and elder abuse. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Rep. PETER KING  
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105  
 Account: Commerce, Justice & Science—Office of Justice Programs (Byrne Discretionary Grants)  
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Nassau County Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 1490 Franklin Avenue Mineola, NY 11501

Description of Request: \$380,000 for an initiative to reduce gun and gang violence through increased surveillance, debriefings, investigations, and undercover work. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Rep. PETER KING  
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105  
 Account: Interior & Environment—EPA (STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Suffolk County Department of Works

Address of Requesting Entity: 335 Yaphank Avenue Yaphank, NY 11980

Description of Request: \$500,000 for the planning, design, and replacement of a deteriorated existing bay outfall pipe. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Rep. PETER KING  
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105  
 Account: Energy & Water—Army Corps of Engineers (FUSRAP)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Verizon  
 Address of Requesting Entity: 140 West Street, New York, NY 10007

Description of Request: Report language to initiate cleanup of the former Sylvania nuclear fuel site in Hicksville, NY. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Rep. PETER KING  
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105  
 Account: Health and Human Services—Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Tuesday's Children  
 Address of Requesting Entity: 390 Plandome Road, Suite 217, Manhasset, NY 11030

Description of Request: \$190,000 for the primary focus of the First Responder Institute will be to provide counseling for 9/11 First Responders and other public safety workers involved in protecting our homeland security. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Rep. PETER KING  
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105  
 Account: Health and Human Services—Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: North Shore Child and Family Guidance Center's Postpartum Depression Treatment Program  
 Address of Requesting Entity: 480 Old Westbury Road, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577

Description of Request: \$147,000 to increase services available to mothers and children through the Maternal Depression Outreach Program. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.